

REMARKS

Applicants have hereby added new claims 54-59. Support for these new claims can be found, for example, in original claims 2-7. No additional claim fees are due in view of the cancellation of numerous claims.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I for examination. The claims in Group I are claims 1-20, 28-35, and 43-53. The claims in Group II (claims 21-27 and 36-42) are canceled above without prejudice to their patentability or applicants' right to pursue them in a divisional application.

In response to the species election requirement, applicants respectfully traverse the requirement, and hereby elect the claims of Group (e) for examination. Applicants understand that Group (e) as defined by the examiner includes claims 10, 17, 31, and 50: "... wherein the defect reducing agent is a reaction product of benzyl chloride and hydroxyethyl polyethylenimine." Newly added claims 54-59 depend from claim 10 and therefore also fall within this species. The elected species therefore includes claims 10, 17, 31, 50, and 54-59.

Applicants understand that the claims in Group I to additional species other than Group (e) will be considered upon allowance of a generic claim. Claims 1-20, 28-35, and 43-53 are in Group I, of which claims 1-7, 14, 28, 35, and 43-47 are generic, as stated on page 4 of the Office action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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